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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	NOVM-1-1006
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Title	METHODS AND APPARATUS...
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
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  - Background of the Invention
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  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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12. ☐ Information Disclosure [ ☐ Copies of IDS Citations ]
13. ☒ Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
14. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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16. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
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Prior application information:

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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR HULL ATTACHMENT FOR  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

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1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal.
2. Application comprising 24 pages of written description, claims and abstract, and 11 drawing sheets.
3. Preliminary Amendment. (7 pages)
4. Check No. 10107 in the amount of \$385 (\$385 filing fee, \$0 additional claims). Applicant claims small entity status.
5. Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in Patent Application and Request for Change of Correspondence Address.
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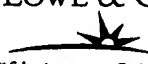
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